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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 4, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to exposure control, classified in class 348, subclass 221.1; and

Group II, claims 4-16, drawn to an intermittently flashing electronic strobe, classified in class 348, subclass 371.